## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



## NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

No. 14-06

## Fraudulent Phone Calls and eMails Concerning Jury Service

In various parts of the United States, including Puerto Rico, citizens are being targeted by emails and/or phone calls and threatened with prosecution for failing to fill-out the Jury Qualification Form or otherwise complying with jury service.

In the emails and calls, the threat of a fine and/or imprisonment for avoiding or getting out of jury service is used to coerce those called into providing confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. These emails and calls are not from Court Officials.

Federal courts **do not** require prospective jurors to provide any sensitive information by email or telephone call. Court Officials will **never** request confidential information such as: social security and credit card numbers, mother's maiden name, driver's license numbers, or any other sensitive information. Although you may be asked to complete an electronic jury form, notice of such e-mailing will first be provided through regular mail and no personal identifiers will ever be requested from potential jurors.

Jury duty is a serious matter, and it is a crime for anyone to impersonate a Court Official. The Federal Judiciary takes such offenses seriously.

Persons receiving such emails or telephone calls should not provide the requested information, and should immediately notify the Office of the Clerk's **Jury Administration Section** at the following telephone numbers: (787)772-3301, (787)772-3302, or (787)772-3021.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 1st day of August, 2014.

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.

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